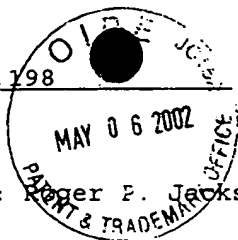


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In response to the Office actions mailed August 1, 2001, and March 28, 2001 kindly, amend the above captioned application for patent as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all prior pending claims without prejudice, especially to inclusion in a divisional application.

Please add the following claims 31 to 39:

31. An apparatus for positionally stabilizing adjacent vertebrae of a spine by promotion of bone fusion between the adjacent vertebrae, said apparatus comprising: